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FOR GENEVA: PLEASE NOTIFY ITU DELEGATION AT 0700,
OCTOBER 7

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SUBJECT: ITU LF/MF CONFERENCE: SOVIET PROTEST RE
DESIGNATION "BERLIN"

REF: GENEVA 7446

BEGIN SUMMARY: BONN GROUP MET LATE OCTOBER 6 TO
CONSIDER TACTICS FOR RESPONDING TO SOVIET COMPLAINT
ON NOMENCLATURE FOR REGISTRATION OF WEST BERLIN
FREQUENCIES IF, AS FRG DELEGATION CONSIDERS LIKELY,
SOVIETS AIR THEIR COMPLAINT AT MORNING PLENARY
OCTOBER 7. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WESTERN RESPONSE ARE
SET OUT BELOW. END SUMMARY.

1. FRG DELEGATION AT ITU CONFERENCE HAS INFORMED
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FONOFF THAT SOVIETS ARE LIKELY TO RAISE AT OCTOBER 7

MORNING PLENARY SESSION THEIR COMPLAINT CONCERNING "IMPROPER" DESIGNATION OF WEST BERLIN FREQUENCIES. ACCORDING TO FON OFF REPORT, ITU ON OCTOBER 6 CIRCULATED SOVIET NOTE DATED AUGUST 19 WITH TEXT ESSENTIALLY SIMILAR TO THAT CONTAINED REFTEL, EXCEPT THAT OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH STATES THAT "THIS INCORRECT INSCRIPTION IS CONTRARY TO THE PROVISION OF THE QA CONCERNING BERLIN (WEST), AND IN THE NAME OF THE SOVIET UNION, A CONTRACTING PARTY TO THAT AGREEMENT, I ASK ITS CORRECTION. THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SOVIET UNION IS CONVINCED THAT THE IFRB WILL TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES FOR THIS CORRECTION."

2. AT LATE EVENING BONN GROUP MEETING OCTOBER 6, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO RECOMMEND FOLLOWING PROCEDURES TO DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA:

CONTINGENCY A: IF SOVIETS IN THEIR OPENING PLENARY SPEECH SIMPLY INVITE ATTENTION OF OTHER DELEGATIONS TO THEIR NOTE OF AUGUST 19, NO ALLIED/FRG RESPONSE IS NECESSARY.

CONTINGENCY B: IF SOVIET SPOKESMAN ACTUALLY READS OUT THE TEXT OF THE AUGUST 19 COMPLAINT, A UK OR FRENCH SPOKESMAN WOULD REPLY AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT: ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE, THE UK, AND THE US, WHICH ARE PARTIES TO THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT SIGNED IN BERLIN ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1971, I MUST STATE THAT THEY CONSIDER THAT THE DESIGNATIONS CONTAINED IN APPENDIX I TO IFRB CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 324 OF MAY 23, 1975, ARE ACCURATE. THEY REGRET THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS INTRODUCED POLITICAL MATTERS INTO A CONFERENCE WHICH HAS BEEN CONVENED TO CONSIDER IMPORTANT TECHNICAL MATTERS. END TEXT.

CONTINGENCY C: IF SOVIETS SHOULD GO FURTHER AND STATE THAT CONFERENCE CANNOT PROCEED UNTIL ITU "CORRECTS" BERLIN LISTINGS, UK OR FRENCH SPOKESMAN WOULD USE ABOVE TEXT, WITH ADDITIONAL EXPRESSION OF REGRET THAT WORK OF CONFERENCE HAS BEEN INTERRUPTED AND CONFIDENTIAL

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NOTING THE NEED FOR REFERRING MATTERS TO NATIONAL AUTHORITIES FOR POLITICAL GUIDANCE.

3. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT SOVIET TACTICS MAY NOT FALL WITHIN ABOVE RANGE OF CONTINGENCIES, ALL FOUR REPS AGREED TO FORWARD ABOVE GUIDANCE TO GENEVA DELEGATIONS URGENTLY, IN HOPE THAT THEY WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO CAUCUS AND CONCERT TACTICS BEFORE

MORNING PLENARY.
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